

**United States District Court**  
**Western District of Wisconsin**  
**Robert W. Kastenmeier Courthouse**  
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Re: U.S. v. Applewhite; 03-cr-137-S

Dear Ms. Applewhite:

In Judge Shabaz's absence for medical reasons, I am responding to the letter you wrote to him on May 11, 2008, in which you ask about your award of half-way house residency. I checked the Judgment and Commitment order and confirmed that it does provide for only 90 days of halfway house placement. The court's recommendation about placement in a halfway house is only a recommendation. It is always the prerogative of the Bureau of Prisons to shorten or lengthen the recommended time. There is nothing I can do to move up your release date even if I thought doing so would be a good idea.

I can understand that you are concerned about your transition to society after your long stay in custody. I urge you however, to focus on what you need to do and how you can take full advantage of the halfway house placement you do receive.

Very truly yours,

/s/  
Barbara B. Crabb  
District Judge

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